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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	RB-43884
First Inventor	Kevin G. O'Brien et al.
Title	INTERLOCKING VALVE BOX...
Express Mail Label No.	EV 339365915 US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

## ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 29]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 16]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 5]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
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17. ☐ Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information:

Examiner

Art Unit:

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ ) 2,188.00**Complete if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	Concurrently
First Named Inventor	Kevin G. O'Brien et al.
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Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	770.00
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>			<b>(\$ ) 770.00</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
44	-20** = 24	18	432
14	-3** = 11	86	946
Multiple Dependent	0	0	0

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>			<b>(\$ ) 1378.</b>

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130		2051 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50		2052 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130		1053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520		1812 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*		1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*		1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110		2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420		2252 210		Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950		2253 475		Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480		2254 740		Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010		2255 1,005		Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330		2401 165		Notice of Appeal	
1402 330		2402 165		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290		2403 145		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510		1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110		2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330		2453 665		Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330		2501 665		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480		2502 240		Design issue fee	
1503 640		2503 320		Plant issue fee	
1460 130		1460 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50		1807 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180		1806 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40		8021 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.
1809 770		2809 385		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770		2810 385		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770		2801 385		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900		1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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**SUBTOTAL (3)** (\$ ) 40.**SUBMITTED BY**

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